Green Community Task Force Minutes August 20, 2013

Present: Members: D. Blatt, J. McQuaid Advisors: J.Breault , J. Londa

Visitor: Kelly Brown (DOER)

1. Meeting called to order at 6:37 P.M. The minutes from 7/1/2013 were approved.

2. D.Blatt informed the group that Advisors are now voting members of the Task Force.

- 3. Kelly Brown was present to review our progress with the Green Community Designation Application. October 30th is the deadline for submission.
- 4. The baseline will probably be the year after the PV was activated on the THMS, '12-13. In order to calculate the energy use of the new proposed HS/MS complex K.Brown said we should only use the existing square footage portion of the current high school not any additional space. An annual review of our plan is required and we can change the energy reduction plan as needed depending on the outcome of the Town vote on the new school. The deadline for funding grant submissions is the end of January. If approved we would get \$145,000 plus an additional \$10,000 for PV generation. Next year we could apply for \$200,000 in competitive grants
- 5. K.Brown reviewed the information to be submitted and made recommendations on areas to change or modify. Even small changes of 1-2% can add up but we need to document how the energy savings are calculated. She noted that the Public Safety Building and the Library use a great amount of energy and recommended an energy audit be preformed. A conversion to natural gas would be beneficial. J.Breault will follow up on the possibility and feasibility.
- 6. We will need to assign a contact person from the group to upload the documents, perhaps J.Londa or M.Benson. As of 9/5/13 our new Point of Contact person at the DOER will be Joanne Bassette. She can offer preliminary consultation from now until October 1st. Criteria #3 is the most complex. The information in Tables 1-4 is very important especially the supporting data. A narrative about the proposed new school complex should be included. About 50% of the information is completed; we need the audits and energy consumption figures from the architect.
- 7. J. Londa made a motion that we approve the Fuel Efficiency Vehicle Policy. All in favor. A letter of approval from the Selectmen and School Superintendent will be required for the application submission.

7. The next meeting will be in September, date TBD later. Adjourned at 8:16 P.M. Respectfully submitted,

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